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*Via Facsimile - 741-5015* 

David Waddell Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Re: Second Complaint of Discount Communications Against BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
Docket No. 00-01151

Dear David:

ATM/Discount Communications, Inc. ("Discount") requests that the above-captioned matter be placed on the TRA's conference agenda for tomorrow, September 25, 2001.

On September 14, 2001, the Hearing Officer issued an Initial Order in this matter. The Order allows BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") to begin the process of terminating service to Discount and transferring Discount's customers to BellSouth. Although the parties have fifteen days, or until September 29, 2001, to appeal the Hearing Officer's decision before it becomes final, the decision allows BellSouth to begin terminating service on September 26, 2001.

Because of the importance of this matter, which will have a direct impact on approximately three to four thousand local telephone customers in Memphis and Nashville, Discount believes that the Hearing Officer's decision in this matter should be reviewed by the Directors rather than become effective by operation of law. The only opportunity for that to occur is to place the matter on tomorrow's agenda. I am authorized to add that Vance Broemel of the Consumer Advocate's office also believes that the Directors should review the Hearing Officer's decision and the terms and conditions under which customers will be transferred to BellSouth before the process begins on Wednesday.

This request is not being made to delay the transfer date set forth in the Hearing Officer's order. No such delay is requested. The request is made solely to allow the Directors and the parties to discuss, during the agenda conference, any questions or concerns the Directors

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may have about this matter and to determine if there is any reason not to go forward with the schedule set forth in the Hearing Officer's Order.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

Bv:

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c: Guy Hicks, Esq. Vance Broemel, Esq. Sara Kyle, Chairman Melvin Malone, Director Lynn Greer, Director